

REMARKS

Claim 16 is currently pending. Claim 16 has been allowed. By this response claims 17-18 have been canceled. Allowance of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 17-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Habuto et al. (US 6,810,441) and Niwa (US 6,538,692) in view of Ramirez et al. (US 6,504,575). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant notes that claims 17-18 have been canceled. Thus, the rejection with respect to these claims is now moot. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

With the cancellation of claims 1-15 and 17-18 the only remaining claim is the allowed claim 16. Thus, the application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings Reg. No. 48,917 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.


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02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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